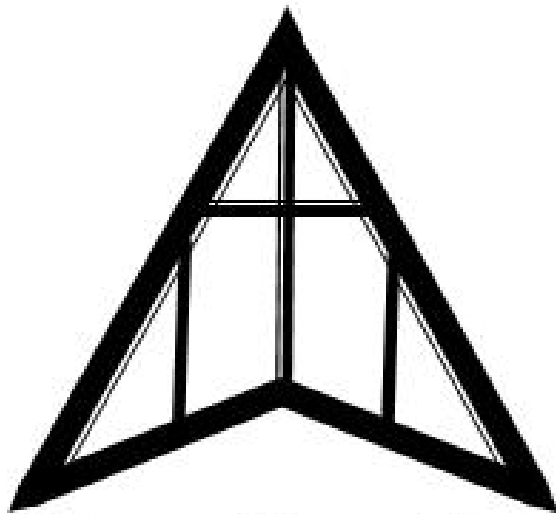


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Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
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September 6, 2026
11:00am



Come, Grow, Go!

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**Order for the Public Worship of God
September 6, 2026
15th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Ciacona in A Minor”

Dieterich Buxtehude

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Cedarkirk Women’s Retreat, Babs Bailey

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, Psalm 103)* Charlie Wood

Leader: Come, let us praise the One who meets us in our
brokenness.

**People: We worship the God who forgives us and heals all our
diseases.**

Leader: Look upon your life and see the goodness of the Lord. He
rescues you from the darkest night.

**People: He crowns us with steadfast love and surrounds us with
tender mercies.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord with joyful hearts as we stand and
pass the peace of Christ to one another.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,”
and pass it toward the center aisle.)*

***HYMN #336**

“We Gather Together”

KREMSER

CALL TO CONFESSION

As God's chosen people, we are called into marvelous light. Yet, we often choose to hide from God in the shadows. Let us instead confess our sins together trusting in God's kindness and power to heal and forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Merciful God, we confess that we value rules over relationships. We choose rigid order and judge by the letter of the law. We forget the spirit of your love and the wideness of your amazing grace. Forgive us when our strictness replaces compassion. Loosen the legalism binding our hearts. Teach us to love boldly and freely. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news from Psalm 71: God's saving acts are beyond our ability to count. You are not measured by perfect law-keeping, but by divine grace and in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and set free. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

*APOSTLES' CREED *(Together)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM "Light Dawns On a Weary World" Michael Burkhardt

*Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity. Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.*

Refrain: *The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
The hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out with joy, and be led forth in peace,
As all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

*Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes. Refrain*

*Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn,
Find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a weary world:
The promised green of Eden comes. Refrain*

CALL TO OFFERING

*(Church offerings are given through the giving stations in the hallway,
online or through the mail.)*

*DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 13:10-17 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“Bent Woman”
Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Preacher

*HYMN #498 “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” BEACH SPRING
(stanzas 1-3)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP

(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices”

arr. Paul Manz

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist